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#### **November 8, 2022 General Election**

**Election Day Voting:** Polls will be open on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For further information visit the Village of Whitefish Bay website at https://www.wfbvillage.gov/270/Election-Information or contact Erin Granstrom, Deputy Clerk, at e.granstrom@wfbvillage.gov or 414-962-6690 ext. 122.

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule:

- ► Refuse and recycling normally collected on Thursday, November 24, 2022, will be collected on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.
- Refuse and recycling normally collected on Friday, November 25, 2022, will be collected on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

#### Village of Whitefish Bay Fall 2022 Leaf Collection Program Reminders:

Fall 2022 leaf collection has begun! The Village requests that residents place leaves and small yard waste debris directly in the roadway near the curb. Please do not put leaves and yard waste in leaf collection bags. Please make sure leaves are placed away from storm inlets as leaf decay can clog storm sewers and add unwanted material to Lake Michigan.

Leaves will be collected weekly, but there is no specific collection schedule. Branches can still be left in the parkway area for brush/chipper collection at this time. Brush/chipper collection happens every other week. Yard waste collected by Public Works is temporarily stored at a DNR-approved joint use municipal site in Glendale until it is hauled away, recycled and turned into organic compost. Thank you for your cooperation and helping our Public Works Department maintain efficiency during the leaf collection season!

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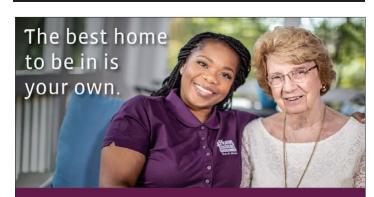
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#### LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS

#### DEAR RESIDENTS,

Around this time of year most people take a moment to think about all they are thankful for in life. For our family, our health is always top of the list. One of the ways we stay healthy and connected as a family is through daily walks with our dog. We adopted her as a puppy and now 13 years later, we have made wonderful memories with her. Our feature resident, Neil Bubke, loves dogs so much that he can often be seen walking a dozen at a time around Whitefish Bay. In this issue he shares his life story about following his heart to change both his career and life path. Enjoy reading his story and maybe it will inspire you to make a life change you have often thought about.





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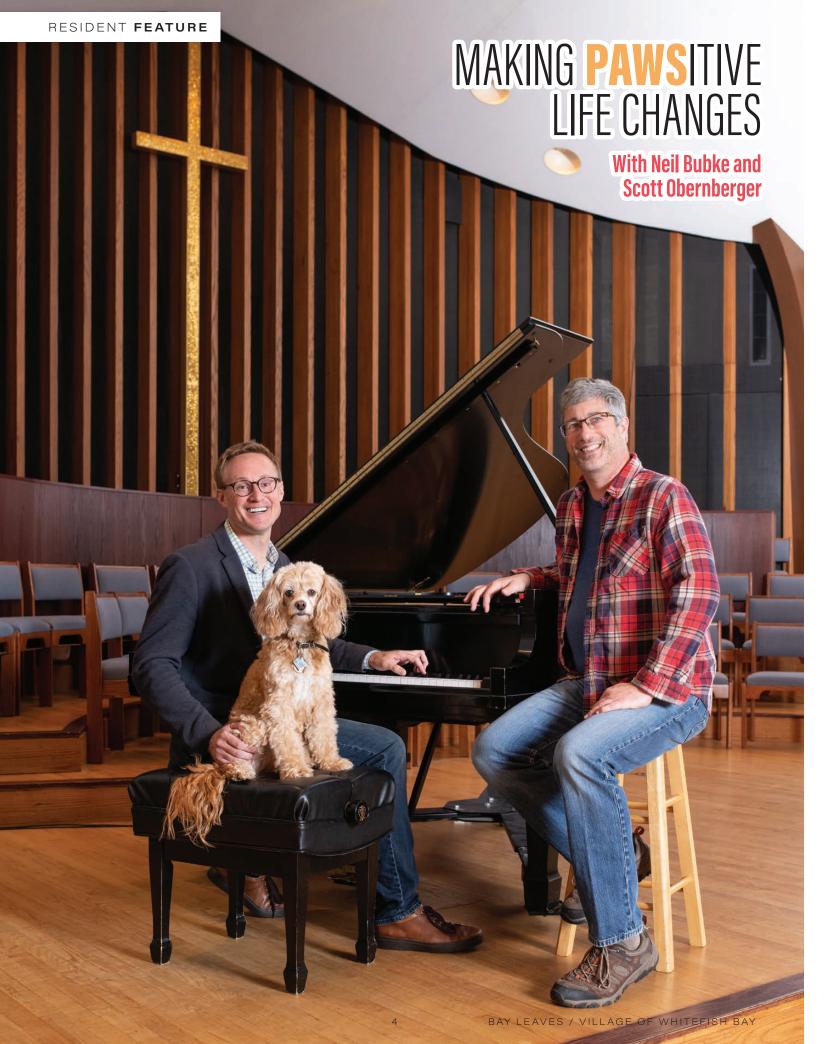
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## "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life"

hile all of us seek
a job that will fulfill us, most adults
are not lucky
enough to make
that a reality. Lawyer turned choir director, Neil Bubke, took
a chance on a career change and now he
looks forward to every day at his job.

Neil grew up in Iowa and always had a love for music and piano. His parents were unable to afford lessons, so at age 11, Neil taught himself a piano piece before a large church event. "Just as I had started playing the piano, a large gust of wind blew the sheet music right off the stand," recalled Neil. "Since I had memorized the entire song, I just kept going and everything went off without a hitch. A woman from the church saw what happened and noted that I had a potential musical calling and had the church support my musical endeavors." For over six years, the church paid for Neil's piano lessons, which completely altered the course of his life.

He graduated with a degree in music from the University of Northern Iowa and then went to law school at the University of Iowa. As an excellent student, Neil graduated 3rd in his class out of 250 students and was hired as a law clerk. Quickly, Neil was starting to burn out of the law profession and went back to school for his masters in choral conducting, with the intent of being a full-time church musician.

In 2004, Neil officially gave up the law lifestyle and began working with church choirs. In 2006, he moved to Whitefish Bay to become the director of music and fine arts at the United Methodist Church. "Nearly everything in the legal profession is adversarial. The people you're working with are stressed. Every minute that ticks by equates to dollars. Music is the exact opposite. When volunteers come together to sing or play their instruments, it's often



the highlight of their day, if not their entire week. There is no 'us vs them' mentality. We're all creating beauty and we're all winners," Neil said with a big smile.

When Neil told family members his plan to migrate from the law into church music, they were all stunned. "My mom was a factory worker and lived paycheck to paycheck. At the time she couldn't understand how I could possibly walk away from a lucrative legal career. Now she couldn't be more proud because she knows that I am living out my God-given purpose and that I am happy."







After settling into his new life in Whitefish Bay, Neil began dating people in the Milwaukee area. His partner of eight years, Scott Obernberger, has a very similar background of lawyer turned artist. Scott was a criminal defense attorney for 19 years when he suffered a mild stroke at the courthouse. He guit practicing law the very next day. Scott always loved pottery and with his extra time began to hone a new craft. He now owns Twice Baked Pottery located in Jefferson and spends a lot of time at craft shows throughout the country selling his beautiful pieces.

When Neil and Scott aren't working on music or pottery, they can be seen walking numerous dogs all around the Bay. Neil's own dog, Mae Mobley, is an adorable cockapoo that is known as the ambassador of the church, because she welcomes everyone each week, "I am able to walk up to 12 dogs at a time and they somehow always fall into a rhythm," said Neil. It is a hilarious scene watching Neil walk all of the dogs while he says, "Let's go to work" repeatedly throughout the walk.

One of Neil's yearly productions, the Christmas show, is open to the public and is being held at the United Methodist Church on December 17th from 3-4:30pm. The show is intergenerational with numerous grandparents in the production with their grandchildren. They also have camels, donkeys and goats at the outside area for all to see.

"When a choir sings exceptionally well, or a piano student masters a difficult musical passage, I get goosebumps. I often tell my students, 'You can't buy goosebumps!' which is how I know that I'm exactly where I am supposed to be in life,"

BY CHRISTINE MCBRIDE PHOTOS BY BOUTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Do you know A NEIGHBOR WHO HAS A STORY TO SHARE?

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# As Fall Turns to Winter

e definitely don't want to admit it, but winter will be here before we know it. Besides the chapped lips and dry air, we also need to prepare for the cold. Before the cold strikes, follow these important tips to ensure you and your family are ready for what lies ahead:

- ► Have your furnace and any alternative heating equipment inspected by a trusted professional to ensure it is ready and operational for the winter weather.
- ► Take a look outside the home to be sure that your air intakes and exhausts are free from any leaves or other debris that may have collected there.
- ▶ Before you fire up your furnace for the first time this season, be sure there is at least three feet of clearance on all sides. The same is true for any fireplace, wood stove or portable space heaters.
- ► If you are lucky enough to have a fireplace, be sure to have the chimney inspected and cleaned prior to your first fire of the season.
- Be sure to have carbon monoxide and smoke alarms on every level of your home, and near each sleeping area. Alarms should be tested monthly and replaced per manufacturer recommendations (usually every seven to ten years).



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## Have a Will or Trust? THEN MAKE SURE TO TAKE THIS CRUCIAL STEP







magine that your mother is ill, and you encourage her to draft a will in order to get her affairs in order. Your mother subsequently drafts a will and executes it correctly. You think everything is fine and you breathe a sigh of relief. Your mother then passes, and shortly after that, you find out that the accounts and residence are not set up to transfer the way she intended. You cannot believe that a properly drafted will has no effect on major assets. Can this happen?

Absolutely, and unfortunately, it happens all the time.

The situation described above is not a hypothetical or client story as it happened to my mother. It was a second marriage, and my mother and her husband had no children in common, but my mother had three children from her first marriage. My mother's will directed that her residence and several of her assets including life insurance, 401K, and bank accounts, be divided amongst her three sons. However,

the residence was held in a joint tenancy with her husband and the other assets listed him as the sole beneficiary. The husband, being an outstanding individual, sold the residence, withdrew the money from the accounts, and distributed the assets according to my mother's will...now that is merely a wishful hypothetical. In the end, due to the simple error of neglecting to change beneficiary designations to match the intentions of the will, my mother's wishes went unrealized.

When drafting a will or trust, it is important to remember that deed titles and beneficiary designations supersede what your will or trust have to say. And as my personal example illustrates, not setting these up correctly can result in unintended consequences for your family that are costly both financially and emotionally. In fact, my brothers are finally coming to peace with it and each other albeit 20 years later.

At my firm, it is standard practice to discover how accounts are titled, and to give instructions on how to change or update them to reflect the instructions of the will or trust. However, I can only give instructions or reach out on your behalf, the ultimate responsibility is on you to make sure that these designations are updated correctly. Likewise, if you open a new account, obtain a policy, or purchase real estate, to make sure that titling methods and beneficiary designations are part of the process.

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he real estate market has been on a record pace of increasing prices for the past few years. Stories abound of sellers receiving multiple offers and getting several thousand dollars over the asking price. While prices have gone up, the actual number of homes sold continues to decline. The combination of high demand and lower inventory is the driving force behind a spike in prices. In Whitefish Bay, inventory is down 7.8% while prices are up 9.7% compared to the same period last year. Historically low interest rates have been one of factors fueling strong demand.

The world of low interest rates is about to change. Concern over rising inflation is pushing the Federal Reserve to increase the cost of borrowing to slow things down. Thirty-year fixed mortgage rates are currently at 6.25%. As of this writing, there is talk of rates pushing closer to 7%. Old timers like me remember when mortgage rates approached 18%! Thankfully that's not about to happen. However, this is completely new territory for younger buyers who are accustomed to low rates.

Let's do the math. On a \$300,000 loan, the mortgage payment based on 3% interest rate is \$1,265. At 7% a payment on the same loan is \$1,996. That's a \$731 difference in the monthly payment. Stated another way, a buyer's loan would have to be

reduced by \$110,000 to achieve the same payment at 7%. That's a big reduction in purchasing power.

The lesson for sellers is don't overreach when pricing your home. As always, it's far better to price competitively and let the market push up the price, rather than start too high and be forced into a price reduction spiral.

The lesson for buyers is don't let rising interest rates scare you. It's better to start living life in the home and neighborhood you enjoy rather than wait for some uncertain adjustment in rates and prices. Simply stay within a comfortable monthly budget. Home buying decisions should always be based on life circumstances rather than short-term market fluctuations. The best approach is to enjoy now and refi later.

A good Realtor can guide you through all market conditions.



BY ESSAM ELSAFY, ELSAFY TEAM - SHOREWEST, REALTORS







during and after, it is important to follow food safety steps to prevent foodborne illness.

- ► KEEP meat, chicken, turkey, seafood and eggs separate from all other foods at the grocery store and in the refrigerator.
- WASH your cutting boards, dishes, utensils and countertops with hot, soapy water or in the dishwasher after preparing each food item.
- COOK meat, chicken, turkey, seafood and eggs thoroughly. Use a food thermometer to ensure these foods have been cooked to a safe internal temperature.
- ▶ KEEP food out of the "danger zone." Bacteria can grow rapidly in the danger zone between 40°F and 140°F. After food is prepared, keep hot food hot and cold food cold.
- ► LEFTOVERS should be reheated to at least 165°F before serving.
- ► WASH your hands with soap and warm water before, during and after preparing food.

- USE pasteurized eggs for dishes containing raw eggs, like eggnog, tiramisu, hollandaise sauce and Caesar dressing.
- ▶ DO NOT eat raw dough or batter. Dough and batter made with flour or eggs can contain harmful germs, such as E. coli and Salmonella.
- ► THAW turkey in the refrigerator, in a sink of cold water (change the water every 30 minutes) or in the microwave. Avoid thawing foods on the counter. A turkey must thaw at a safe temperature to prevent harmful germs from growing rapidly.
- ► REMEMBER the two-hour rule. Some foods will quickly become unsafe to eat if not refrigerated or frozen, such as meat, chicken and other poultry, seafood, dairy, cut fruit, some vegetables and cooked leftovers. Throw away any of these perishable foods that have been left out for 2 hours or more.

Source: CDC Food Safety







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We are grateful for your continued support and wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



See you around the Bay!



fter years when the pandemic impacted our ability to have in-person events, we are grateful that 2022 allowed the Whitefish Bay Civic Foundation to provide the community with our full suite of events. This includes our Memorial Day Ceremony, Green Day in the Bay, two Ice Cream Socials, the 4th of July Celebration, Sounds of Summer and the Great Pumpkin Festival. It was wonderful to make memories with neighbors and friends!

Each of our events is put on by a team of volunteers, including our 15-member board of directors and many generous community members. Our funding comes exclusively from sponsorship dollars, sales from food and drinks at our events and community donations, including your generous tips. In addition to our events, your kindness allows us to support both Community Service and Leadership Scholarships, which go to students in our community, and a variety of community grants.



BY ERIC BUNKE, PRESIDENT





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The Winter/Spring Recreation Guide is expected to be delivered to homes mid-November. However, if you LIKE the Recreation and Community Education Department on Facebook, you'll be the first to browse our program offerings before the program guide is delivered to your home!

#### **Family Fun Swim**

- ▶ WFB High School, Fieldhouse Pool
- Saturday or Sunday, Sept. 11-Dec. 18 (skip Nov. 26, 27), 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Family Fun Swim is an opportunity for families to enjoy the High School fieldhouse pool and bring up to 15 family members. The swim time includes access to fun pool noodles, toys and the diving well for swimmers who pass the swim test. To register for a Saturday or Sunday timeslot please complete a Family Fun Swim Request form on our department's website or call with inquires (414)963-3947.

#### **Holiday Open Swim**

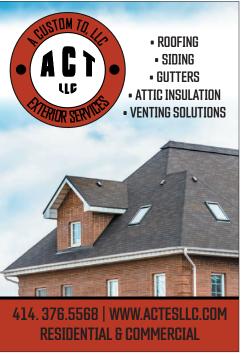
- ▶ WFB High School, Fieldhouse Pool
- ▶ Dec. 27 and Dec. 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Cost: \$3.00 per student, \$4.00 per adult
- All fees are paid at the door. Exact cash is appreciated.

Holiday Open Swim is back for all ages! Bored of winter break? Come out for a swim! All children under the age of 7 must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian. Any child 7 years or older, but under 48" must prove their swimming ability to the satisfaction the lifeguards. The pool is cleared 10 minutes prior to closing.



BY CARIN KELAND, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION







#### **New Community Health Series: Healthy Foods Swap**

- ▶ Brought to you by The North Shore Health Department
- ► Lydell Community Center
- Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Cost: Free (however, pre-registration is required)

For many people, November and December are times of joy and celebration with friends and family. However, holiday events often include an increase in baked goods, desserts, candies and other rich foods. This workshop will focus on simple and easy health-rooting food swaps, substitutions and behavior changes that can help you maintain (not gain) over the holiday and beyond.

Whitefish Bay Senior "55 and Better" Programs ....In the Community for the Community

#### **Free Blood Pressure Clinics**

- Lydell Community Center, Room 15
- ► November 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- No pre-registration necessary. Offered by the North Shore Health Department.

## **Senior Thanksgiving Feast** (Whitefish Bay Residents only, 55 years and up)

- ► Lydell Community Center, Gym
- ► Tuesday, November 15, 11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m.
- ► Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 8
- ► Cost: FREE Course Code: 223344

Whitefish Bay Recreation and Community Education Department invites our Whitefish Bay Senior residents, 55 years of age and older, for a Free Thanksgiving meal. Reservations are required as seating is limited and spots will only be reserved for WFB residents aged 55 and older. Please reserve your spot by completing a Recreation and Community Education program registration form, or register online.













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BY SUSIE STEINER

# Whitefish Bay Dublic Library

ovember is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). NaNoWriMo is a creative writing project that encourages people to write 50,000 words during the month of November. What began as a small project in 1999, with just a few people participating, has grown into a word-wide annual event in which over 350,000 novels have been completed.

> This year the library has planned a number of events for NaNoWRiMo that will help to keep you working toward the goal of 50,000 words. Check out our website for all the details. Need more inspiration? Here are a few of our favorite writing guides.

> > **Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the** Writer Within by Natalie Goldberg

This is a great title to get your creative juices flowing. Goldberg offers advice on how to get started on writing, how to keep motivated and even includes writing exercises to get you started.

On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft by Stephen King

Stephen King, the master horror story teller, shares with us his insights into the craft of writing. His tone is conversational and funny and this is one book for writers that I always recommend.

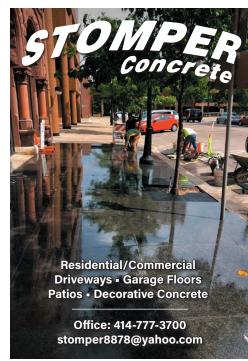
Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life by Anne Lamott

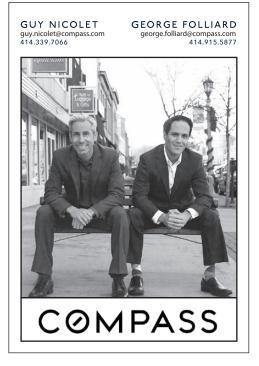
Although this book is 20 years old this year, it is still one of the best! This is a perfect how to guide for someone getting started. Lamott is funny and inspirational and walks beginners through the whole process and addresses writer's block and staying motivated on a long-term project.

BY SCOTT LENSKI, HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES









BAY LEAVES / VILLAGE OF WHITEFISH BAY

NOVEMBER 2022

# WHITEFISH BAY HOLIDAY STROLL



► Friday, November 25

► Parade at 6:00 p.m.

**THIS TIME OF YEAR** we give thanks for health, community and friends, neighbors and families. The Merchants of Whitefish Bay thank you for your support throughout the year, and we look forward to welcoming back our traditional Whitefish Bay Holiday Stroll on the Friday after Thanksgiving!



The evening features the parade on Silver Spring from Kent Avenue to Lake Drive, followed by a tree lighting ceremony, music and entertainment at Consaul Commons. Enjoy Silver Spring as the shops of Whitefish Bay stay open late, offering specials and treats before and after the parade.

Promotions will continue on Small Business Saturday with our local merchants. Follow us all season for updated offerings on Silver Spring at www. merchantsofwhitefishbay.com



BY LEXIE DEBLITZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BID

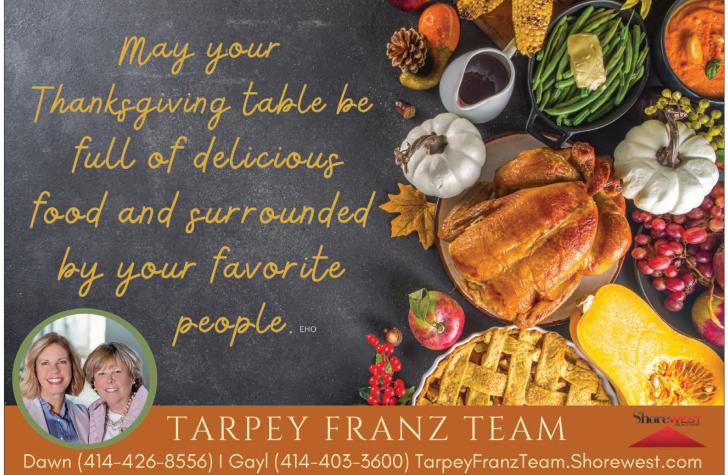












### SCHOOL DISTRICT

BY JULIE PITEL. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT & COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

#### Save the Date

▶ November 23-28: No School - Thanksgiving Break



#### **Whitefish Bay High School Theater Presents:**

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



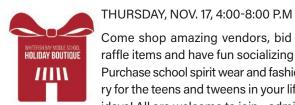
Considered one of the greatest comedies ever written, The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, is a farce playing with love, religion and truth as it tells the tale of two men, Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, who bend the truth in order to add excitement to their lives.

Come join us for this hilarious farce, guaranteed to leave you chuckling for days!

- When: November 11 & 12 at 7:00 p.m., and November 13 at 2:00 p.m.
- Where: Whitefish Bay High School Auditorium
- Tickets: \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors & Students
- Ticket Information: WFBHSTHEATER.COM

Can't wait to see you there!

#### Whitefish Bay Middle School Holiday Boutique



Come shop amazing vendors, bid on beautiful raffle items and have fun socializing with friends. Purchase school spirit wear and fashionable jewelry for the teens and tweens in your life for the holidays! All are welcome to join - admission is free!







► Saturday, December 10, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

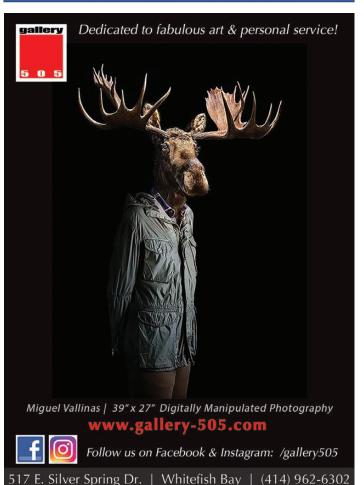
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## **Safe** Thanksgiving for Pets

WITH THE HOLIDAYS approaching, your dog or cat will inevitably be begging to help you finish the leftovers! While they can be hard to resist, there can be hidden dangers in holiday dinner. This year consider these tips to keep Thanksgiving a safe and healthy holiday for your dog or cat.

- ► Turkey can be a wonderful lean protein to share with your pet. Stick with white meat, and make sure there are no bones.
- Nothing with onions, garlic, leeks and scallions should be ingested by your pet. Ingesting these foods in large quantities can lead to toxic anemia.
- While you may be making the healthier choice by cooking with artificial sweeteners over the real thing, sweeteners containing Xylitol are poisonous to animals, and potentially deadly to dogs.
- ► Plain green beans are a wonderful treat for pets but be wary if they are prepared in a dish.
- Keep in mind that alcohol poisoning can occur in pets from atypical items like fruit cake (the recipe may have called for rum or other liquor), as well as unbaked bread.



Are you traveling this holiday and boarding an animal? Remember most boarding facilities require up to date vaccines (usually administered a week in advance) before they will allow your pet to stay. Call MADACC to make an appointment for low-cost vaccines at 414-649-8640. For more information, go to our website at www.madacc.org.

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